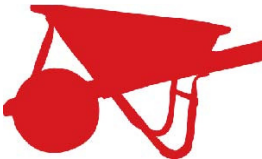












Tool Licence Test – Answers

Before you start work in the garden, you need to know the names of the tools and equipment that you might use, what they do and how to use them safely. Fill in the table below with these tools, find out what you use them for, and how to use them safely. **[Specialists please note a blank template for this activity is available on the Kitchen Garden Foundation website.]**

Rake Trowel Hoe Pitchfork Mattock
Hand fork Shovel or Spade Watering can
Wheelbarrow Secateurs Garden hose

| | Name | What do you use this for? | How do you use this safely in the garden? |
|---|-------------|--|---|
|  | Wheelbarrow | Carrying tools and equipment around the garden Moving loose materials such as soil and compost, around the garden | Don't overload the wheelbarrow. Walk, don't run, when pushing the wheelbarrow. Watch where you are going and park the wheelbarrow out of the way when not in use. |
|  | Rake | Gathering leaves and soil in the garden Smoothing soil and pathways | Carry out in front with two hands, tines facing down walk, don't run. Watch out when others are using. When finished with the rake, store it away from pathways, tines down, or in the wheelbarrow at the end of class. |
|  | Mattock | Breaking up hard ground | Carry out in front with two hands, sharp end facing down. Walk, don't run. Watch out when others are using. When finished using, store away from pathways or in the wheelbarrow at the end of class. |
|  | Pitchfork | Turning and breaking up clumps of soil Aerating compost | Carry out in front with two hands, tines facing down. Walk, don't run. Watch out when others are using. When finished using, lie on the ground away from pathways or in the wheelbarrow at the end of class. |

| | Name | What do you use this for? | How do you use this safely in the garden? |
|---|---|---|--|
|  | Garden hose | Watering | Water garden beds and plants only, not pathways or people. Coil the hose neatly away from pathways when not in use, and always check that you have turned the tap off. |
|  | Watering can | Carrying water to garden beds | Don't overfill the can. Carry with a straight back (not slumped to one side). When not in use, store away from pathways or in the wheelbarrow at the end of class. |
|  | Trowel | Digging in soil, mostly when planting seeds and small plants | Carry trowel in your hands with sharp end facing downwards, not pointing out to the front. When not in use, store away from pathways or in the wheelbarrow at the end of class. |
|  | Hand fork | Digging in soil | Carry fork in your hands with sharp end facing downwards, not pointing out to the front. When not in use, store away from pathways or in the wheelbarrow at the end of class. |
|  | Hoe | Chipping weeds in the garden and pathways | Carry out in front with two hands, blade facing down. Walk, don't run. Watch out when others are using. When finished using, lie on the ground away from pathways or in the wheelbarrow at end of class. |
|  | Shovel (wide Scooped blade) OR Spade (sharper flat blade) | Shovels are used to scoop and move loose materials such as soil and compost. Spades are used for digging into the soil e.g. to plant trees, for cutting edges and dividing plants. | Carry in front with two hands and blade facing down. Walk, don't run. Watch out when others are using. When finished using, lie on the ground away from pathways or in the wheelbarrow at end of class. |
|  | Secateurs | Pruning plants and harvesting fruit, vegetables and herbs from the garden | Use secateurs like scissors – be careful not to cut fingers. When not in use, keep secateurs in locked position and away in the garden shed. |